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**Jim Naugle**

### City Commission

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## Policing Center Name Change Fits Purpose

As a community evolves, so does its needs for programs and services.

Recently, the Community Policing Demonstration Center was renamed the Community Support Division. The name change was prompted by the need to accurately portray the expanded role it plays in providing public safety and services in the community. The change is also a reflection of its evolving purpose and mission to meet community needs.

In 1995, the Community Policing philosophy was adopted as a long-term commitment to reduce criminal activity, strengthen partnerships with residents and improve the overall quality of life in neighborhoods. In order for community policing to succeed, it required new

resolve from citizens and new thinking from police officers. As a result, neighborhood and police partnerships have thrived and evolved. Vital to this philosophy has been the Community Support Division, previously known as the Community Policing Demonstration Center. At one time, the facility was one of only a few in the nation. It was created as a pilot program with the mission to institutionalize community policing and was made possible with \$500,000 federal grant.

Since its grand opening less than five years ago, the facility has consistently increased the scope of services it provides to the community. Initially designed to serve as a site to advance internal commu-

nity policing practices and techniques in the community, the Community Support Division now serves as a prime location for educational activities as well as community events. Currently, the facility houses sworn officers and civilian personnel including a new Haitian Community Specialist. The facility provides surrounding neighborhoods with a wide range of programs including bicycle registration and auto theft awareness tools, and offers monthly community forums and seminars on a variety of topics. The facility is also host to town hall meetings and community organization gatherings. I encourage everyone to utilize this resource to make Fort Lauderdale an even greater place to live!

## New Design Offers More News, Reader-Friendly Format

In June 1996, the City of Fort Lauderdale unveiled the first edition of *Focus On Fort Lauderdale*. The community newsletter was developed in response to citizen requests for more information about City services. Since its first issue, the City has been committed to improving the bi-monthly newsletter to produce an easy way for citizens to stay informed. To maintain and enhance the information we provide, in a cost-effective and environmentally-friendly manner, *Focus On Fort Lauderdale* has been redesigned. We hope you find articles of importance to you and we look forward to your continued feedback.

### On the Cover

After 70 years of providing water to Fort Lauderdale residents, the Walter E. Peele/Dixie Water Treatment Plant celebrated the completion of a \$1.5 million renovation project and reopened its doors to the public in January. This historical facility, celebrating 25 years as an American Water Landmark, just culminated the two-year renovation project that was approved by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society in 1999. The architectural monument of 1926, located at 1500 S. State Road 7, has been restored to its original splendor complete with a few upgrades. Citizens are welcome to tour the facility by appointment. To arrange a tour, contact **Rose Klarman** at 492-7805.

*A view of the renovated Walter E. Peele/Dixie Water Treatment Plant from SR 7.*





# City Manager's Message



**Floyd T. Johnson**

## A Tribute To African-American History

Join the City of Fort Lauderdale in observing African-American History throughout the month of February as we pay a special tribute to the leaders, achievements and contributions of African Americans.

African-American History Month is a time for citizens to reflect on both the history and teachings of African-Americans whose contributions are still too little known. It is the month in which we bear witness to the progress, richness and diversity of African-American achievement.

The history that African Americans have to offer is one of courage, suffering, strength, triumph and determination. African Americans have been a central

element of our nation even though it was not until the 20th century that African Americans gained a true presence in the history books. By observing African-American History Month, we not only remember the tragic errors of our past, but also celebrate the achievements of African Americans and the promise they hold for our future as one America.

Through the art of storytelling, visual displays, music, games, craft activities, food displays and dance performances, various Parks and Recreation sites will host a series of programs for the entire family to enjoy. Scheduled events are intended to magnify the influence, impacts and contributions that the African-American experience has afford-

ed in shaping our communities. Watch for a weekly curriculum of events and activities to enjoy with the whole family at Joseph C. Carter Park located at 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd. Call **761-5411** for more information. Don't miss the Annual Kijiji Moja Celebration at Lincoln Park featuring crafts, live stage performances and more on February 24. Call **847-3461** for more information.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is honored to pay tribute to African-American History Month. I encourage citizens to participate in the activities offered by area schools, libraries and community centers. Broaden your knowledge and deepen your appreciation for a history and a people who have helped shape our nation.

## Trade Fair Shows Minority, Women-Owned Businesses How To Enhance Business With Government

More than 75 participants took part in the City of Fort Lauderdale's First Annual Trade Fair for women, minority-owned and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) vendors in January.

The free event, themed "Bridging the Gap... A True Partnership", was designed to educate and inform minority, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses about the City's procurement practices and procedures. Through the program, participants were provided with the opportunity to work directly with program administrators and city staff to gain a better understanding of how to do business

with the City and how to qualify for a variety of incentive programs. Other highlights of the activities included a keynote address from City Manager **Floyd T. Johnson** and presentations from City departments and divisions including the Office of Equal Opportunity, Purchasing, Engineering, Community and Economic Development and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. A break out session provided participants with the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with City staff members.

"This event served as an excellent teaching and learning experience for the

business community as well as the City of Fort Lauderdale," said Johnson.

For more information about City purchasing procedures please contact the Purchasing Division at **761-5933**.





## Explorer Post 713 Enrolling

The Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department has open enrollment for 8th and 9th graders interested in joining Explorer Post 713.

The Post is a local branch of youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who have an interest in the Fire-Rescue profession. The Post provides the men and women with the opportunity to take part in the same training and experiences as professional firefighters. Explorers meet on a weekly basis, every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Station 13, located at 2871 E. Sunrise Blvd. To join call Jorge Mederos at **396-3653** or email the post at [Explorerpost713@ci.ftlaud.fl.us](mailto:Explorerpost713@ci.ftlaud.fl.us).



## Mark Your Calendars

**The March 6, 2001 Commission meeting has been postponed until Thursday, March 15, 2001.**

## Focus on Wingate's Quality Control Manager



**Roger Simon**  
is the on-site  
construction  
quality control  
(CQC) manager

Roger Simon has always had a fond interest in environmental issues and how pollution affects disadvantaged communities.

"It's an issue that's near and dear to my heart," said Simon. "I've always wanted to make a difference."

The Georgetown, Guyana native says that's why he left home to pursue his education in the United States. After graduating from Howard University with a geology degree, Simon worked as an environmental regulator for the State of Maryland. There, he conducted dozens of meetings with environmental activists and community organizations.

Simon later accepted what he calls an opportunity of a lifetime with a minority-owned company in South Florida. Barnes Ferland and Associates is an engineering and hydrogeological consulting firm that specializes in water supply, wastewater and contamination assessment solutions. "South Florida is the gateway to the Caribbean - a region that has great appeal to me," said Simon, "However, South Florida has it's own unique environmental concerns that I find quite fascinating."

Barnes Ferland and Associates was hired to do consulting work for the Wingate Road Landfill remediation project in 1996.

Simon says it became more than just another job. The company had an emotional attachment. "We wanted to be the eyes and ears of the nearby community which is heavily African-American," said Simon. "We realized many of the residents had concerns

about the cleanup. We felt an important part of our job was to strengthen the trust factor by reassuring residents that they have a voice and things are going to be fine."

Simon is the on-site construction quality control (CQC) manager. His duties include taking all air monitoring samples, analyzing the data, and making sure the on-site work is done according to prescribed plans and specifications.

"We have been quite successful in providing useful suggestions and conducting additional studies," said Simon. "Our greatest accomplishment so far has been playing a key role in getting this remediation project up and running."

Six high-tech air-monitoring stations, measuring the air quality 24 hours a day, surround the entire Wingate site. Project managers say readings indicate the prescribed steps taken to control dust and other

particles in the air have been effective. Simon and his firm anticipate the success will continue. "I have been part of this cleanup project since inception," said Simon. "It has been very fulfilling to see the major strides made. The Environmental Protection Agency's remedy has been proven at other sites. Finally, I hope the community will rally behind the end-use of the property."

### WINGATE UPDATE

#### DEBRIS CLEARED

All the structures including the water tower, store facilities, administration offices and the two incinerators have been razed. The trees and shrubbery have been removed.

#### AIR CONTROL SYSTEM SUCCESSFUL

Steps taken to control dust during the demolition process have kept the levels within safe EPA standards according to project managers. Water trucks will be used continuously throughout the entire project.

#### GRADING WORK INITIATED

Grading work started in February. Work crews are reshaping the landfill to prepare it for the protective liner and capping system.

#### STORMWATER CONTROL SYSTEM DEVELOPED

Teams are digging ditches and a pond at the site to prevent stormwater from leaving the immediate area.





# New 828 Exchange Simplifies Dialing

A new phone service that will enable all city of Fort Lauderdale telephone numbers to begin with an 828 exchange is being installed. Phase One of the new telephone system was launched January 29 enabling all existing numbers at the Police/Utilities compound, located in the 1300 block of West Broward Boulevard, and other off-premise extensions to adopt the new 828 exchange. For most numbers, the last four digits will remain the same. A number of departments, which are not located at City Hall, including Police; Public Services; Parks and Recreation; Marine Patrol; Croissant and Fort Lauderdale High School Pools; Hardy, Riverside, Walker and Warfield Parks; and the Birch Street Parking Lot will be affected. Phase II of the conversion will take place in April and will affect telephone numbers residing at City Hall. The last phase, Phase III, will take place in June with the all other offices, including all non-emergency numbers to begin with the 828 exchange. A pre-recorded message, attached to all "old" phone numbers, has been implemented informing callers of the change and providing the new phone number. Callers can also contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Office, at **468-1513**, for assistance in locating a new telephone number for a particular person, office or department.



## City, NUSA To Recognize People, Places

*A variety of people and efforts go a long way to making a positive difference in our community. Many of those efforts and individuals at times may go unnoticed or unrecognized for the hard work that they dedicate.*

*The City of Fort Lauderdale and NUSA seek to identify and celebrate some of those outstanding examples of individuals, community groups, business professionals and organizations who are making a positive difference in our community through a variety of awards programs. Here are two programs currently available.*

### Community Appearance Awards

Neighborhood organizations, builders, contractors, architects and property owners have until March 2 to submit applications for the 2001 Community Appearance Awards Program.



Whether you renovated the exterior of your home within the last two years or you enhanced a property to a new level of style, your project may be eligible to receive one of the City's most prestigious awards - a Community Appearance Award.

A variety of projects including new construction and renovations are eligible to apply. To receive an application and criteria for applying, contact Kathy Purdy in the Public Information Office, at **847-3728**.

Deadline to submit your project with a completed application is March 2, 2001.

Winning projects will be announced at the May 10th Community Appearance Board Awards presentation to be held at the Museum of Art in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

### NUSA Neighborhood Of The Year

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) has launched the 2001 competition for the Neighborhood of the Year Award. This 17-year old awards program recognizes the outstanding work of neighborhood organizations throughout the United States whose efforts have improved the quality of life in their communities.

Awards will be given in three categories:

- \* Physical Revitalization/Beautification  
in a Single Neighborhood;
- \* Social Revitalization/Neighborliness  
in a Single Neighborhood;
- \* Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships.

Each first place winner and the overall winner will receive a cash award. In order to be considered for the 2000 Neighborhood of the Year awards program, a neighborhood organization must complete a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2000 and submit a completed Neighborhood of the Year application, along with a \$35 application fee, by March 3, 2001.

For an application or more information, contact:

**Yolanda Martinez, Chair,**  
**Neighborhood of the Year Program,**  
**12707 30th Avenue NE,**  
**Seattle, WA 98125;**  
or call **(206) 684-7526**

or e-mail [yolanda.martinez@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:yolanda.martinez@ci.seattle.wa.us).

You can also download an application from [www.NUSA.org](http://www.NUSA.org) and click on Neighborhood of Year.





# City Hall Serves As Satellite Site To File For Homestead Exemption

## File At Governmental Center For Current Tax Year By 3/1

March 1, 2000 is the deadline to file for a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption for 2001. To assist property owners in registering, a representative from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be available on the eighth floor break room of Fort Lauderdale City Hall on Feb. 26, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. In order to qualify for a 2001 Homestead Exemption, property owners must provide the following items:

- \* Social Security number;
- \* Recorded warranty deed or tax bill in your name;
- \* Florida Driver's License;
- \* Florida vehicle registration or declaration of domicile;
- \* Non-U.S. Citizens need a permanent VISA or GREEN or PINK CARD and a recorded declaration of domicile;
- \* Widows/Widowers: Please bring spouse's Death Certificate, news clipping or Memorial Card;
- \* Husband and wife may file for each other providing all documents are present for both;
- \* To receive a Disability Exemption, individuals must bring a letter from the Veteran's Administration or letters from two professionally unrelated Florida physicians.

For more information, contact the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, located at Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 111-F, at **357-6830**. Individuals with hearing disabilities may contact the office through the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

## Notice Of Full Cost Of Solid Waste Management

In accordance with Florida Department Of Environmental Regulation Rule No. 17-708, the following is the average cost of solid waste collection and disposal services to a residential or commercial customer for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

Administrative Cost	\$ 30.85
Wingate Remediation Cost	\$ 16.23
Direct Costs:	
Collection	\$ 160.75
Disposal	223.74
Recycling	10.48
Total Direct Costs	\$ 394.97
Total Sanitation Cost	\$ 442.05

## Phase II Water Restrictions Declared Fewer Watering Days, Fines Enforced

Effective January 17, 2001, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) implemented Phase II mandatory water conservation cutbacks in the southeast Florida region. In accordance with City Ordinance 28.1 the City of Fort Lauderdale immediately implemented the water conservation measures outlined in the Water Management District's Phase II restrictions.

Phase II restrictions emphasize the need to further reduce the amount of water we use. One of the effects of the restrictions is a reduction in water pressure to homes and businesses. The City of Fort Lauderdale and SFWMD encourage everyone to conserve water. Failure to comply with the restrictions will result in warning notices, citations and fines.

For additional information on the restrictions or tips and methods to conserve water, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Customer Service Center at **771-0880**, the SFWMD Water Conservation and Citizens' Information Line at 1-800-662-8876 or log on to **www.sfwmd.gov**.

The residential portion of the Phase II mandatory water use restrictions are as follows:

**For existing landscapes, less than five acres**, water only between the hours of **4 a.m. to 8 a.m.** two days per week:  
**Odd addresses - Wednesday and Saturday; Even addresses - Thursday and Sunday**

Irrigation restrictions apply to systems using well water, canal or lake water, and municipal water.

Low volume watering with a hose using an automatic shut-off nozzle is permitted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on assigned watering days.

For new landscapes planted less than 30 days, water only between 2 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.





# Resident Discount Card Offers Price Break On Fees



## Resident Discount Card works as follows:

1. Park at one of the 386 spaces located in the Las Olas Intracoastal Lot
2. Enter your space number in one of the multi-space parking meters
3. Insert Resident Discount Card into the card slot
4. Insert coins or bills for payment (the card does not work with credit cards)
5. Press the green button to validate the transaction
6. Remove your card and retain your receipt

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division has an exciting Resident Discount Card that is offered exclusively to residents living in the corporate City limits.

The Resident Discount Card entitles residents to a 50 percent discount on the parking rate at the Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot. The Las Olas Intracoastal

Parking Lot is located adjacent to the Las Olas Marina at 201 South Birch Rd.

By utilizing the Resident Discount Card, residents pay a rate of \$.35 an hour from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., which is a savings of \$.40 per hour off the normal rate of \$.75.

Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4 a.m., Resident Discount Card users pay a rate of \$.50 per hour, which is a savings of \$.50 per hour off the normal rate of \$1.

The Parking Lot is closed for cleaning from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. during which parking is prohibited, and money is not accepted at the multi-space meters. Vehicles parked in the lot during these hours will be ticketed and towed.

The Resident Discount Card may be purchased for \$3 plus tax from the City's Parking Services Office, located at 290 NE 3rd Ave. Proof of residency is required in the form of a utility bill, along with a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. Addresses on all three identification forms must be consistent and located within the City limits in order to qualify for a Resident Discount Card. The card is valid for the calendar year beginning January 1st through December 31, therefore, a new discount card must be purchased at the beginning of each year to continue to receive the discount. There is no prorating of price if the card is purchased after January 1st. Only one card may be issued per resident each calendar year. Lost or stolen cards cannot be replaced. For more information, contact Parking Services at 468-1600, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Resident Beach Card Offers Parking Perks



Resident beachgoers who purchase a Resident Beach Card, can park at the South Beach Lot located at 700 Seabreeze Blvd. for \$1 per entry. The Resident Beach Card must be presented to the lot attendant upon entering. Upon purchasing the Beach Card, at the cost of \$3 plus tax, residents receive a \$5 dollar discount from the regular \$6 entry fee required to park at the South Beach Lot. Restrictions may apply

during special events such as the Air & Sea Show. The Resident Beach Card is valid for two years from the date of purchase. The Resident Beach Card can be purchased at the City's Parking Services Office, located at 290 NE 3rd Ave. Proof of residency is required in the form of a utility bill, along with a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. Addresses on all three identification forms must be consistent and located within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale in order to qualify for a Resident Beach Card. For more information, contact Parking Services at 468-1600, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## New Mixed-Use Complex Offers Extra Parking

A new multi-level garage, scheduled to open during the early part of February, will offer additional parking to patrons who frequent the area of Bridgeside Square.

The five-tiered parking garage is located on the south side of Oakland Park Boulevard and one block west of Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard (S.R. A-1-A). Approximately 520 public parking spaces will be open to patrons on the first three floors. The garage uses multi-space meters, which are conveniently located at the exits of the garage. The upper levels of the garage are reserved for residents of the complex adjacent to the garage. Parking fees are \$1 per hour from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. and \$1.25 per hours from 6:01 p.m. to 4:59 a.m.





## Community Policing Enhancements

Did you know that since 1997, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has reduced the City's vehicle theft rate significantly by implementing strategies that are designed to protect those models of vehicles which are most frequently stolen nationwide?

Did you also know that the City's Police Department serves as a vital resource to the community providing valuable safety information and tools that citizens can fully utilize whether it is for property, neighborhoods or businesses?

More importantly, did you know that most of these programs, resources and tools are funded through grants? Through external funding the Police Department seeks to develop, implement and operate the wide range of public safety and outreach efforts offered.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department is committed to serving the needs of the community through a variety of proactive community based programs," said **Bob Cooke**, Grants Coordinator. "To implement new programs and enhance existing services in a cost effective way, the Police Department actively seeks grant funding from outside agencies in the public and private sector.

This year, more than \$1 million in grant funding has been received to implement and enhance Community Policing efforts and services."

Here are a few highlights regarding recently awarded grants and how they are being allocated.

### ***Auto Theft Prevention ... Through Education***

Nearly \$1 million in funding from the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority has been awarded and is earmarked for a variety of purposes, including public education, law enforcement training, the purchase of auto theft prevention equipment and criminal investigation.

Operation Right TRAC (Tools for Reducing Auto Crimes) is an award-winning public awareness and auto theft prevention program that was initiated and developed by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. The foundation of the program forms a partnership between law enforcement and the community to address and eliminate certain opportunistic auto thefts. The action plan has since evolved and grown in force to involve the efforts of the county's Auto Theft Units, Patrol Squads and Crime Prevention Units. The purpose is to make the public aware of the types of vehicles primarily stolen in the County and to provide citizens with deterrent devices or alternatives for better protecting those vehicles.

### ***...Utilizing Tools and Safety Devices***

A \$50,000 grant has been accepted on behalf of the Broward County Police Chiefs Association for 2000-2001. The funding, a testament to the success of the program, will continue the program for the third consecutive year providing more than 2500 steering wheel locking devices, plus useful information and resources during six widely publicized Auto Theft Prevention events throughout the county.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department also continually monitors the community for auto theft crime trends. It educates officers in state-of-the-art techniques to fight crime. A \$5,400 grant will provide the Police Department with enhanced funding for additional training of intensive and specialized auto theft instruction for officers in the tri-county area.

### ***...Through Additional Enforcement***

Finally, a grant in the amount of \$68,432 will fund Operation TATTOO. The strategy behind this operation will dedicate a detective to serve in critical crime analysis of auto thefts. The detective will help send the message out to criminals that there is no time for opportunistic crimes.



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## Chief Sworn In To Lead County Chief's Group

Fort Lauderdale Police Chief Michael Brasfield was recently sworn in as president of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association.

The Broward County Chiefs of Police Association is a group of approximately 150 Criminal Justice professionals. The membership consists of local, county, state, federal law enforcement leaders; corporate security directors and college educators.

In addition to presiding over the monthly meetings, Brasfield will facilitate the exchange of information, assist in arranging professional training, and promote positive relations among members of the local criminal justice community.



## Community Policing Calendar



**Landlord/Tenant Training** will be offered on March 21, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Support Division Office, formerly known as the Community Policing Center. The center is located at 1113 East Sunrise Boulevard. Topics to be discussed include keeping illegal activity out of your property, screening applicants, the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 8 Housing and more. Captain Paul Kiley and Sergeant Greg Kridos of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be presenting the class. Call (954) 759-6428 for more information and to register.

## Community Relations Specialist To Bridge Cultural Gap

As the City's new Community Relations Specialist, **Junia Jeantilus** will play a vital role toward the enhancement of community policing services for the Creole-speaking community in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

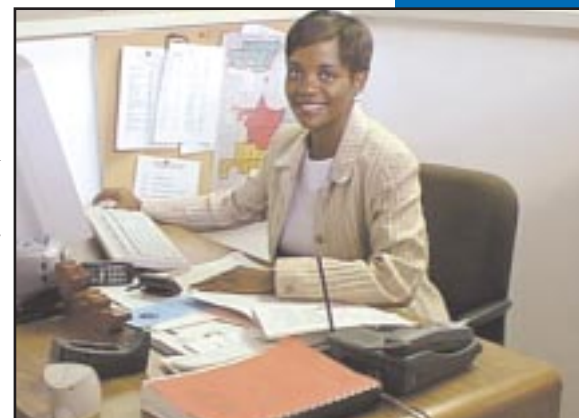
"I have several initiatives and plans already in the works with the Community Support Division," said Jeantilus, 28. "My goal is to enhance relations between Creole-speaking residents and neighborhood police officers. I plan to enlist Creole-speaking residents to become more involved in the community in which they live."

Jeantilus, who works with the Community Support Division, located at 1113 East Sunrise Blvd., is involved in several aspects of community policing intended to bridge the cultural and language gap between the police department and the Creole-speaking community. Some of her responsibilities include increasing outreach efforts, working closely with recruitment personnel to hire Creole-speaking officers, and conducting town hall meetings with the Haitian population to enhance relations.

A Creole Hotline, **467-3336**, is in operation to provide the Haitian community with a way to reach Jeantilus for information and to voice their community concerns.

"I encourage the Creole-speaking community to become involved in their public safety, help us meet their needs and work with us in enhancing public safety services," said Jeantilus.

Jeantilus, a St. Thomas University graduate, served as a victim's advocate for the State Attorney's Office and as a child abuse investigator for the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Jeantilus, born to Haitian parents in Freeport, Bahamas, moved to the United States with her family as a toddler, but never lost ties with her Haitian roots. While growing up, she spent summer months with family in Haiti to preserve her creole-speaking abilities and love for the culture.





*Last December, Vice Mayor Tim Smith spearheaded the first CVC activity. More than 100 CVC members repainted sections of the Fort Lauderdale Beach wavewall along A-1-A.. Shown above are CVC participants working with City employees on the beautification project.*

## Residents Urged To Join Citizens Volunteer Corps

What better way to serve your community than to be a member of the Citizens Volunteer Corps (CVC).

Established by the City Commission and led by the Vice Mayor each year, the CVC membership is comprised of volunteer residents who are called upon to help address non-emergency, citywide projects designed to positively impact the community. Watch for details of the next exciting CVC event scheduled for April.

To become a CVC member, citizens are asked to fill out an application. Citizens may sign up as an individual or as a team. Signing up is easy. Individuals can download an application from the City's website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/neighborhoods/index.htm>. Applications can also be obtained from the City Commission Office, located on the 8th floor of City Hall at 100 N. Andrews Ave., or by calling **Pam Brown**, Assistant to the City Commission, at **761-5004**.

## Play Station Plans Underway

The Junior League Play Station plans for Holiday Park are officially underway. The newly re-furbished train, all new picnic pavilion, walkway, park benches, landscaping and trash receptles are in place at this time.



**All Aboard...** Initial support for the project has come in the form of funds, products and services that have been donated by The Himmel Family Playground, sponsor of Toddler Town; U.S. Brick & Block; PaverModule; Digital Tree-Website Design; King Motor; EDSA; Bank of America, Dave Sweeney-Graphic Design and Creative Cuisine Catering. Local area residents and neighborhood associations are showing their support for the new playground through the purchase of engraved paving stones and tree sponsorships.

Under the direction of the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale and in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, fundraising efforts continue to move forward for an ADA accessible playground located on 1.2 acres of Holiday Park. The Junior League Play Station will feature the famous train engine the community has grown to love for generations as the focal point, surrounded by state of the art stations containing various age-specific equipment designed for toddlers and juniors. Here are a few highlights of the most recent developments and plans underway:

**Paving The Way To Fun...** Help pave the way for the Junior League Play Station and leave a lasting memory for generation. Engraved pavers include up to 20 characters per line. Paver prices range from \$50 for one line, \$65 for two lines and up to \$80 for three lines. To leave your mark in the park with a personalized paver, call **462-1350**.

**Sponsor A Family Tree...** With the help of the City's Urban Forester, Gene Dempsey, the Play Station features a nature trail lined with 12 species of trees including tamarinds, mahogany, live oak and more. Sponsorships range from \$250 for a South Florida Slash

Pine seedling to a \$2,000 fully mature Ficus. The trail is an educational focal point providing visitors with an opportunity to learn about their environment. Reserve your tree today by calling **462-1350**.

**Join The Fun...** If you would like to know more about the Junior League Play Station or would like to make a contribution and be a part of the fun, contact **Laura Hatfield** at **462-1350** or via email at [LauraH@ci.ftlaud.fl.us](mailto:LauraH@ci.ftlaud.fl.us).



## Tennis Champ Rafter Makes Appearance At Jimmy Evert TC

Top 20 tour star Patrick Rafter will appear at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center on Tuesday, March 20th at 4 pm. The event, co-hosted by the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Advisory Board and Prince Manufacturing, will feature the two-time U.S. Tennis Open champion for an afternoon of activities. Rafter will demonstrate practice routines, field audience questions, participate in a junior challenge. A complimentary clinic will be conducted by Prince Pros. Raffle prizes and autographs will also be available. The Jimmy Evert Tennis is located across from the Social Center at Holiday Park, E. Sunrise Boulevard and U.S. 1. Call **Whitney Kraft**, Director of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, at **828-5379** for more information.



# Howard Stillman Bates Foundation Donates Statue To Colee Hammock

Standing four feet tall on a platform, **Li'l Blader** - a life-size bronze statue of a young girl - seems to be posing for the camera as she twirls around on her roller blades. She's innocent, sassy and has skated her way into the City of Fort Lauderdale's Colee Hammock Park.

The Howard Stillman Bates Foundation, named after its founder, donated the 200-pound statue to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Bates, who purchased the statue from its creator Nilda Maria Comas, said his sole purpose for the statue was to "give it to an organization worthy of its beauty."



***Li'l Blader statue donor Howard Stillman Bates and artist Nilda Maria Comas.***

"Nilda creates wonderful works of art and this one shows the fun-loving life of a beautiful child," he said. "I wanted to donate it to the City, specifically to Colee Hammock Park, because of the children I've observed having a great time playing there."

As longtime friends, Bates and Comas met frequently for breakfast at La Bonne Crepe on Las Olas Boulevard. On one particular morning last year, the two decided to visit Colee Hammock Park after breakfast. While watching school children play at the park, they "unknowingly thought at the same time" that Li'l Blader belonged in this park.

"We had some sort of mental telepathy. We opened our mouths at the same time to say the same thing. It was weird," he said. "Colee Hammock Park is a beautiful park in a great setting with palm trees and on the New River, this is a perfect location for Li'l Blader."

As an inspiration from her 5-year-old niece, sculptor Comas created Li'l Blader three years ago hoping that some day its home would be a place where children laugh and play.

"This little girl depicts the purity of children and the confidence they have while growing up," said Comas. "Little girls at this age are not self conscious, they are free and with the help of the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation, the statue will permanently sit in Colee Hammock Park, which is a perfect setting for Li'l Blader."

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Li'l Blader dedication ceremony at Colee Hammock Park, located at 1500 Brickell Drive, on Thursday, January 18.



## Dry Winter, Insects Present Harsh Conditions, City Forester Offers TLC Tips For Royal Palm

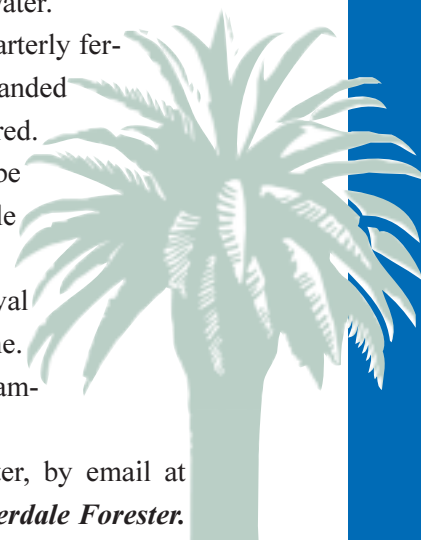
The Cuban Royal Palm (*Roystonea regia*), the most common Royal Palm in South Florida, is a wonderful Boulevard Palm. Growing to heights of 60 feet or greater, the majestic palm does require some care to maintain its beauty. Royal Palms naturally grow in the moist rich loam soils of the Everglades. During our dry winters, it is best if landscape Royals receive supplemental water. The City has started placing special irrigation around each newly installed Royal Palm to make sure they get sufficient water.

The next step to maintaining a healthy Royal Palm is fertilization. If the palm has healthy green fronds, then quarterly fertilization with "Palm Special" fertilizer should maintain that healthy appearance. Fertilizers should be broadcast or banded under the canopy of the palm, but should not be placed up against the trunk where newly emerging roots may be injured. Please refer to the application rates on the fertilizer bag, but usually a rate of five to eight pounds of fertilizer should be used with each application. When purchasing fertilizer it is very important that the nitrogen, potassium, and if possible the manganese be in controlled release forms, such as resin- or sulfur-coated products.

Over the past few years, Royal Palms in East Fort Lauderdale have been plagued with heavy infestations of Royal Palm Bug. While the bugs do not kill the palms, they do make the fronds unsightly and can impact the health over time. Treating the palms with imidacloprid (Merit), applied as a root drench, in the winter is quite effective for preventing damage to Royal Palms by the Royal Palm Bug. More discussion of the Royal Palm Bug will appear in a future article.

For more information on proper Royal Palm Care, contact Gene Dempsey, City of Fort Lauderdale Forester, by email at [GeneD@ci.ftlaud.fl.us](mailto:GeneD@ci.ftlaud.fl.us) at or by phone at 761-5785.

- Courtesy of Gene Dempsey, City of Fort Lauderdale Forester.





## NLC Code Class Offers Opportunity For Education, Employment

The Community Inspections Division and Neighborhood Leadership College are collaborating to offer the second installment of "Breaking the Code -

Code Enforcement in Terms We Can All Understand".

This class will run from February 20-March 6 on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings for a total of five classroom sessions. Sessions will be held on the 8th floor of City Hall, located at 100 North Andrews Avenue, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Refreshments and course materials are provided and there is no fee to apply or participate in the class.

The course has been developed with two objectives in mind. First, to increase citizens' awareness of and participation in the enforcement process, which in turn enhances City code enforcement services. Second, participation in this course is a requirement for Fort Lauderdale residents interested in applying for part-time code compliance officer positions that are scheduled to be advertised upon completion of the course. Applications can be obtained by calling **762-8968**, or by downloading it from <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/neighborhoods> on the City's website.

## Special Thanks To...

The Office of Integrated Waste Management of Broward County has contributed thousands of 5-gallon containers of beige paint to the City of Fort Lauderdale since 1992. The paint, which has contributed to the success of the City's Graffiti Eradication program and other neighborhood beautification programs, is made available through an innovative paint recycling technology that is a component of the Broward County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program.

One of the most common wastes brought to the HHW Collections is leftover latex paint. Latex paint that is collected through the HHW collection program is sent to a paint manufacturer where it is consolidated and rebled into a quality exterior beige-colored paint. Broward County's Beige Paint Program recycles the rebled paint by redistributing the paint to municipalities free of charge for residential and community use.

Broward County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste and latex paint, free of charge, at the following two locations on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

- \* North Transfer Station, 2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach
- \* South Transfer Station, 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hollywood

A Central Transfer Station, located at 5490 Reese Road in Davie, is designated as a paint-only drop-off facility for Broward County residents. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"This program is a win-win situation that we are hoping to expand upon and add more colors to as the technology evolves," said **Joel King**, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator for Broward County. "Disposal alternatives other than recycling can be expensive and have environmental impact. With the technology available to recycle paint, it is an obvious sound solution and a smart business practice to support this program and work hand in hand with communities."

The Office of Integrated Waste Management provides an integrated waste disposal system in Broward County to reduce, recycle, and safely manage waste. For more information, call **765-4999**.



## Croissant Park Principal Voted Top In County

One of Fort Lauderdale's elementary school principals was honored at the City Commission meeting recently after being voted Broward County's Principal of the Year.



**Cheri Zahn**, Principal of Croissant Park Elementary School, is the recipient of Broward County School District's ACCLAIM award.

The award, which debuted this school year, allowed any member of Broward County to nominate a principal or assistant principal who best fit the ACCLAIM criteria. The criteria included seven qualities: Achievement, Communication, Compassion, Leadership, Accountability, Innovation and Motivation.

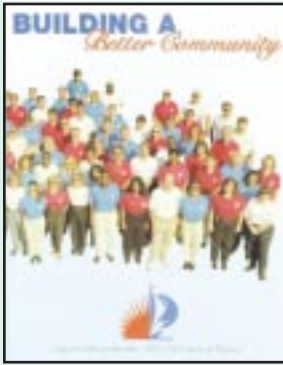
Zahn was chosen from more than 70 nominations.

### City Education Advisory Board Contribute To Enhanced Training

The City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board collaborated with Broward County Public Schools in a training session aimed at enhancing community support and involvement in student's lives.

The training session was based on research that shows the important roles that families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods, youth organizations, and others in communities play in shaping young people's lives. Broward County Public Schools, board members and citizens will revisit the issue in future training sessions.





## 1999/2000 Annual Report Available

The volunteering efforts of dedicated advisory board members, annexation and housing issues took center stage at the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address.

The annual event, held January 29 at Holiday Park, also highlighted some of the past year's accomplishments, achievements and new initiatives. Also unveiled was the 1999/2000 edition of *Building A Better Community*. This annual report, available at no cost, provides citizens with a detailed account of the initiatives and accomplishments of each department as well as updates on the progress of ongoing projects, fiscal disbursements and revenues generated. To receive a copy of the 1999/2000 report, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Office at 468-1513.

## 2000/2001 NCIP Grants Awarded To 11 Neighborhoods

A total of \$239,995 provided through the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) will give 11 civic associations a healthy start toward initiating, implementing and even designing a wide range of area enhancements.

The grants, approved by the City Commission recently, will help pay for a wide range of capital improvement projects. In Melrose Manors, a \$25,000 grant will provide matching funds for a project that includes new entranceway signs at two locations enhanced by brick paver bands, landscaping, irrigation and lighting at one location. The Seven Isles Homeowner's Association will invest \$25,000 toward the costs of designing a master plan. An NCIP grant awarded to Bal Harbour Homeowner's Association in the amount of \$14,345 will help pay for a unique traffic calming device featuring a circular landscaped area with irrigation and brick pavers at N.E. 19th Street and N.E. 22nd Terrace. Meanwhile, a \$20,000 NCIP grant will go toward the cost of 20 decorative sign posts throughout the Harbour Inlet neighborhood. Other neighborhoods receiving grants include Coral Ridge Isles, Dillard Park, Dolphin Isles, Lake Aire, Lauderdale Beach, Lauderdale Harbour and Riverland.

"NCIP provides matching grants of up to \$25,000 to incorporated neighborhood associations for the construction of capital improvements to enhance the quality of life of Fort Lauderdale's residents," said **Marisol Lotito**, NCIP Program Manager at the City's Office of Community & Comprehensive Planning Division. "It is an excellent opportunity for neighborhood associations, in partnership with the City, to get involved in shaping the future of their community. I encourage every neighborhood and civic association to apply, particularly those who have not received funding in the past."

For more information, contact Marisol Lotito at 762-8954.



## Florida KidCare Offers Parents Low-Cost Health Insurance For Uninsured Children

### Commissioner Moore leads municipal outreach efforts

Florida KidCare is a state funded health insurance program that is dedicated to helping families obtain high quality affordable health care for kids age birth through 18. Florida KidCare covers physician visits, immunizations, hospital visits and much more.

A comprehensive outreach program is underway to provide information about the program to any organization, group and individual interested in finding out more about the program.

"It is sad to know that millions of dollars for child health insurance went unused last year," said Commissioner **Carlton B. Moore**, KidCare Coordinating Council member, who is actively involved in an outreach effort. "Through Florida KidCare, health insurance is now available and affordable to all. Depending on income, health insurance can be available at no cost or for as little as \$15 per month. I urge everyone who has an uninsured child to call for information and apply."

The Broward KidCare office can be contacted by calling 467-8737, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule a presentation, contact **Renee Cundiff**, Broward County KidCare Outreach Coordinator, at 467-4885. A toll free number, 1-888-540-5437 (KIDS), is also available to obtain recorded information and to receive an application in the mail. Visit the Florida KidCare website at [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org) or [www.browardkidcare.com](http://www.browardkidcare.com) for information.





# Recycle... At Home, At Work, At School, At Play

The City of Fort Lauderdale recently unveiled the Recycle Depot at the Residential Transfer Station located at 2101 N.W. 6th St.



This recycling facility features three separate receptacles for corrugated materials, newspapers and magazines, and commingled materials including glass, plastic bottles, steel and aluminum cans. The Depot serves as a temporary recycling disposal option for businesses and residents of multi-family dwellings who do not have on site recycling services. The City is currently developing a multi-family

recycling program that will promote on-site recycling at every multi-family dwelling.

## Phone Book Recycling Contest To Benefit Area Schools

The City of Fort Lauderdale is once again sponsoring a phone book recycling contest which will mean incentive money to your neighborhood elementary school.

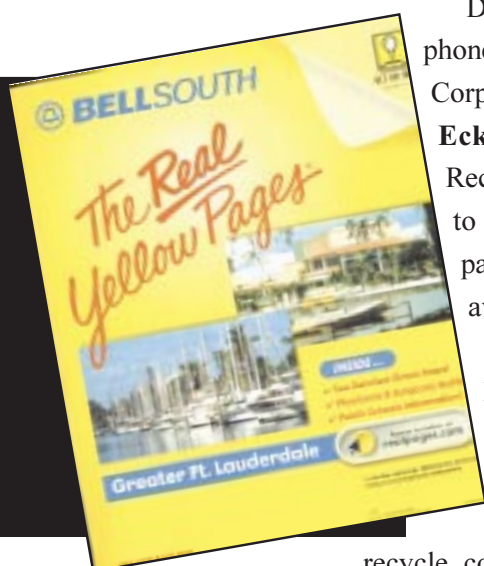
All participating schools will receive funds based on the number of phone books collected. First place winners will receive an added bonus of \$500 (courtesy of The Real Yellow Pages from BellSouth). Second and third place winners will receive a bonus of \$100 each.

See your neighborhood Recycle Corps members, the recycling liaisons between the city and the civic associations, for information on how to organize a collection. Recycling dumpsters will be placed at all participating elementary schools for the phone books. Residents with curbside recycling service may save phone books for a designated school or simply place them in the curbside recycling bin for pick-up. Other residents or businesses may take books to the participating elementary school of their choice.

Don't have time to take the telephone books yourself? The Recycle Corps can help. Simply call **Casey Eckels**, City of Fort Lauderdale Recycling Coordinator at **761-5577**, to get on the pick-up list. A list of participating schools will also be available.

For additional information on how to collaborate with your area school, how to become a Recycle Corps member or to learn more about other ways to

recycle, contact **Casey Eckels**.



## Mark Your Calendars

The next Recycle Corps meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. Parking is available in the City Hall parking garage on the east side of the building. For more information, contact Casey Eckels, Recycling Coordinator at **761-5577**.

## Cash Funds Awarded To 8 Recycling Groups

A total of \$6,726 in cash awards was presented on behalf of the City Commission recently during the 2001 Recycling Incentive Awards Program.

Eight neighborhoods were recognized with cash rewards ranging from \$500 to \$1,300. The 2001 winning neighborhoods are Croissant Park, Lauderdale Manors, Sunset, Coral Ridge, Lake Ridge, Poinciana Park, South Middle River and Tarpon River. The cash incentives, awarded to civic and homeowner groups for use in beautification projects, are issued each year to participating Recycle Corps neighborhoods. The amount of the cash awarded was based on the number of recycling events each community helped organize, support or sponsor, the quality and frequency of recycling information included in neighborhood newsletters and publications, and attendance at monthly Recycle Corps meetings.

"Joining the Recycle Corps is the first step in involving your association in the Annual Recycling Incentive Award Program, but most importantly it is a way to keep abreast of new recycling developments and information," said **Casey Eckels**, City Recycling Coordinator.



# Around Town

## Baltimore Orioles Spring Training

The City of Fort Lauderdale will again host the Baltimore Orioles for Spring Training starting mid-February. The Orioles will practice at Fort Lauderdale Stadium, playing their first home game against the Minnesota Twins on **Saturday, March 3** at 1:05 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$12 for box seating to \$6 for general admission and can be purchased at the Stadium Box Office, or by calling **776-1921**, or through Ticketmaster. Fort Lauderdale Stadium is located at 5301 N.W. 12th Ave., west of I-95 on Commercial Boulevard. The following is the 2001 Orioles Spring Training Home schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Sat., March 3	1:05 p.m.	Minnesota Twins
Tues., March 6	1:05 p.m.	Montreal Expos
Thurs., March 8	7:05 p.m.	New York Mets
Fri., March 9	1:05 p.m.	Los Angeles Dodgers
Mon., March 12	7:05 p.m.	Florida Marlins
Tues., March 13	1:05 p.m.	Florida Marlins
Fri., March 16	1:05 p.m.	New York Mets
Sat., March 17	1:05 p.m.	St. Louis Cardinals
Sun., March 18	1:05 p.m.	Texas Rangers
Weds., March 21	1:05 p.m.	Montreal Expos
Thurs., March 22	1:05 p.m.	St. Louis Cardinals
Sat., March 24	1:05 p.m.	Los Angeles Dodgers
Mon., March 26	1:05 p.m.	St. Louis Cardinals
Fri., March 30	1:05 p.m.	New York Mets



## 24th Annual Waterway Clean-up Set

The March 31 Waterway Cleanup is a one-day event that attracts more than 3,000 volunteers and 500 boats throughout South Florida to clean up the waterways in Broward County. More than 25 sites in Broward County, running from Hollywood to Deerfield Beach, are designated meeting places to begin the clean-up which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call **1-800-BOAT-001** for the site nearest you and for additional information.

## Victoria Park Spring Home & Garden Tour

The Victoria Park Civic Association cordially invites you to the 2001 Spring Home and Garden Tour on **April 7th** and **8th**. Featuring seven of the finest homes prepared for spring, the tour provides a rare opportunity to explore the exquisite interiors and lush gardens of some of the most distinctive private residences in this neighborhood. An outdoor exhibit area, refreshments, souvenir tour program and air conditioned trolley transportation are included with the purchase of each \$15 ticket. The tour, which starts at 1 p.m., begins at the Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School at Broward Boulevard and NE 9th Avenue. Free parking is available at the school. The last trolley leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at various sites. Call Steve Kelley at **523-4115** for information.

## At Las Olas Riverfront

Las Olas Riverfront, located at 300 S.W. 1st Ave, offers a variety of events throughout the month. For more information, contact Rachia Green at **522-6556**. Here's a quick listing:

**Feb. 25 - Las Olas Riverfront's Annual Classic Car Show. Hours: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Mar. 3rd - Junior League Riverwalk Run, Hours: 6-9:30 a.m. Please call Dr. Pier Boutin for more information at (954) 351-7110.**

**Mar. 10 - Fort Lauderdale International Wine Festival; Hours: Noon to 5 p.m.**

**Mar. 24 & 25 - Las Olas Riverfront's Spring Arts & Crafts Show, Hours: Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.**



## SunTrust Jazz Brunch

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch continues to heat up Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Showcasing South Florida's finest jazz entertainers on five stages, and plenty of the local cuisine for purchase, the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch extends from Las Olas Riverfront to the Broward Center for

the Performing Arts on **the first Sunday of each month** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Hotline at **761-5985**.

## Secret Gardens Of Rio Vista

Don't miss a rare opportunity to tour some of the most distinctive private residences and lush gardens in Rio Vista on **March 3rd** and **4th**. Advanced ticket prices are \$15 when purchased by February 25. Regular and gate ticket prices are \$20. Tickets are limited for the event. The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes transportation in an air-conditioned trolley. Revenues will benefit the Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale and its youth gardening program. For ticket reservations, call **764-1995** and leave a name, number and number of tickets needed.

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